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4. Unable to get in on the Payroll Savings Plan for any reason, go to your local bank, or wherever bonds are sold. They will be glad to help you start a plan of your own.

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Drive On to Wipe Out Trench Mouth

Fear Disease Might Become Serious Problem.

NEW YORK.—Vincent's infection, commonly called "trench mouth" in the last war, may become a serious problem again, as it was in World War I, according to Dr. Theodore Rosebury, assistant professor of bacteriology at Columbia university.

Although no severe outbreaks of the disease have been reported thus far among United States troops, from 1917 to 1919 there were 6,189 recorded cases of the infection in the army, resulting in the loss of 92,690 days, he revealed.

While "trench mouth" was treated as a communicable disease in the last war, and is still considered to be so by many medical authorities, Dr. Rosebury offers evidence in a recent study that nutritional deficiency and other environmental factors are primarily responsible for its existence.

"Since the disease has been prevalent among soldiers, and is likely to become so again," he states, "it is important that the question of communicability be answered in order to justify the use or lack of use of isolation and other sanitary precautions in handling outbreaks."

Most of the earlier reports on the disease, suggesting that it is transmissible, date back to the first World war.

Drs. Hirschfeld, Beube and Siegel of Columbia university, in a study they made on the history of the disease, have traced its symptoms as far back as the Egyptian era, and the Greeks, with their huge armies, seem to have been particularly affected, Dr. Rosebury points out.

British Describe Latest Bomber, Avro Lancaster

LONDON.—Britain took her Avro Lancaster off the secret list, and British aeronautic writers quickly hailed the battle-tested machine as the biggest and fastest heavy bomber in the world.

The newly unveiled giant, like its famous teammate in raids on Germany, the Short Stirling, carries an eight-ton bomb load, but its pace of 300 miles an hour and up is better than the Stirling's.

The Lancaster is armed with ten .303-caliber machine guns mounted in four power turrets. It has a maximum range of 3,000 miles, 1,000 more than the Stirling, and is thus a prime weapon for raids on selected targets deep in Germany. Its first officially disclosed operation was the daylight raid on Augsburg, Bavaria, last April 17.

In July several Lancaster squadrons made the longest daylight attack flight of the European war—1,750 miles through bad weather to bomb the Danzig submarine yards.

The Lancaster's weight is 30 tons. It has a wing spread of 102 feet and a 33-foot bomb compartment. Aeronautical writers report it is one of the favorites of Royal Air force crews because of its exceptional speed and maneuverability.

Rubber Quest May Open Vast Colombia Tracts

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA.—A plan for the opening of millions of square miles of virgin rubber tracts in eastern Colombia has been put forward by the United States government's Rubber Reserve corporation, it was learned recently. Corporation officials are discussing the project with the Colombian government and the Avianca Air Lines for construction of landing fields in the jungles to take out the rubber.

An announcement in newspapers that contracts have been signed was termed inaccurate by officials, who declared the negotiations are still in progress.

The territory which would be opened for exploitation is roughly bounded by the Rio Meta, the Rio Putumayo, the Brazilian boundary and the eastern Cordillera de los Andes. This vast triangle covers almost half of Colombia's area.

With present transportation methods, it takes at least two months to reach the most accessible ports near the Brazilian border. Most of the territory never has been explored by white men.

Farming by Night Is Seen Ahead for Britain

LONDON.—Minister of Agriculture Robert Hudson told the house of commons that plans for increasing wheat acreage might necessitate night work for farmers.

He said the area under wheat would be increased by 600,000 acres and "if certain arrangements we are discussing now mature, farmers will be expected to work by night as well as by day."

Troops Are Studying Japanese Language

TAFT, CALIF.—They're sure they'll never need it here, but it might come in handy in Tokyo, so a number of troops at Gardner Field are learning to speak Japanese under a simplified system.

Heretofore it's been considered a job of years to acquire a working knowledge of Japanese.

What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT

A friend of mine is celebrating her fifth wedding anniversary, which I have always heard referred to as the wooden anniversary. Is this correct and will you tell me how the other years are signified?

Answer—Here is a list of some special years:

First, paper; fifth, wooden; tenth, tin; twelfth, leather; fifteenth, crystal; twentieth, china; twenty-fifth, silver; thirtieth, ivory; fortieth, woolen; forty-fifth, silk; fiftieth, gold; seventy-fifth, diamond.

Many families celebrate all of these anniversaries, but the general fashion is to observe the quarter century ones with a large celebration.

Silver and golden wedding celebrations are usually in the form of a dinner or a reception attended by friends and relatives, and as many of the original wedding party as possible.

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DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

SLANG

The following Rhym-o-gram was written especially for this column by Lucile L. Miller of North Hollywood, who says, "It comes straight from the heart of a long-suffering mother."

For Better Speech

Nothing so confuses me
As all this teen-age repartee;
I doubt if Colby could unravel
The silly cant our youngsters babble.

Let us impose a stringent rule,
Precluding use of "ick" and "drool."
And shall we banish in a group
The "jerk," the "drip," the "goon," the "droop"?

Let children from their chatter pluck
appellations "dope" and "cluck";
Forbid their lips the right to pass,
He "lives," is "hep," or "cooks with gas."

Let us crusade for clearer phrase;
And teach the harm this jargon plays.
Or, better still, let's start a move
To get OURSELVES "into the groove!"

My own attitude toward slang must be somewhat reserved. It easily may be overworked; and it must be used sparingly, if at all, in serious speech or writing. But it cannot be gainsaid. Such words as "nice, bogus, mob, crook, hobo, racketeer, fake, spunk" used to bring agonized yelps from the purists; but the words have moved to the right side of the tracks and now dwell in amity among the elite.

Slang, if I am permitted to coin an epigram, is: idiom in the larval stage.

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Life's Like That

By FRED NEHER

"If you get an O.K. from Washington, I'll pay you off with a catcher's mitt, two kites and a white mouse."

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FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY

By MISS ABBIE CONDIT

National Recreation Association.

Everyone loves to sing Christmas carols and your family is no exception. Just hunt up those old song books that have been collecting dust under the piano seat for years and give grandfather or little sister a chance to do some caroling. You'll see for yourself!

When you've all learned the lovely old songs well enough to become the nucleus for a song group, invite the next-door neighbors in and have a real carol fest. Then you can plan a progressive party, singing from house to house as they did in the Merrie England of Dickens' time.

But don't forget to learn the words to these songs. Most of us consider ourselves amateur experts when it comes to singing carols, but how many can sing the second verse of "Silent Night" or even the entire first verse of the old favorite, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"? If you don't have enough song sheets, make carbon copies of the stanzas and start to learn them now!

And while you're drilling the family on verses and choruses, they might like to know something about the interesting history of Christmas carols. Each one of these songs has a story of its own, a story to give our singing a new meaning.

Historians tell us that much of our Christmas caroling dates from 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi first set up a "manger" to help tell the story of the Christ Child to the unlettered people of Grecia in Italy. The people of the village came to the church to see the wondrous "play" and poured out their hearts in the first carols. Many carols which have come down to us, however, are not religious hymns, but songs of joy and festivity which date from the early festival of Yule in Britain.

A trip to the nearest library to look up the story of the carols will be well worth your while. Perhaps each person in your family, club, or neighborhood group will want to take some special carol and learn its history. Then the next time you get together for singing, take out a few minutes and listen to these fascinating old tales.

If you're planning a Christmas party, the carols can become an important part of the entertainment. Have some of your better singers carry the solo parts and let everyone join in heartily for the choruses. The children and young folks will have fun dramatizing the stories of the carols. You'll be surprised at how much they can do with a few simple properties, some old clothes, and a little coaching.

Don't save your Christmas singing just for church services or school programs. All of us need the faith and courage which these timeless carols symbolize. They can be a source of comfort and hope to the many families who are drawn closer together by mutual sacrifice in these days of war. Who of us can help but feel new strength as we sing together "Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright!"

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 30.- Joe Burnette of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Washington, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

George Jennings, of V. P. I. spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr and Mrs. Hugh Branford, of Natural Bridge spent several days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burnette.

Miss Louise Turnes, of Newport News spent Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes. She spent the week-end with Mrs. Ruth Downs, in Norfolk.

Miss Margaret Stratton, of Lynchburg College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

T. L. Christian, of Covington and Dugald Christian spent several days last week with their sister, Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Mrs. C. M. Stratton spent last week with her daughters, Mrs. C. F. Crowley and Miss Fayo Stratton at Polis Church.

Mrs. Rosie Chick, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mrs. Cary Casson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship and Mrs. L. Ian Banton and children, of Lynchburg, visited their mother, Mrs. J. B. Blankenship last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Person and son, Robert, spent Sunday with her father, R. L. Moore.

President may make cabinet shift.

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